

It's a knockout Holiday Club
Questions and prompts for teaching sessions

Day 1. (Leaders read 1 Sam 15 as background)
Group—read 1 Sam 16:1 - 13

Why did Israel need a new King?

Why was Samuel afraid to do what the Lord told him? (Verse 2)

Why were the people of the town afraid of Samuel? (Verse 4)

What mistake did Samuel make? (Verse 6,7)

Why had Jesse not told David to come home to meet Samuel? (Verse 11)

How do we fall into the trap of judging people by their appearance?
- What mistakes might we make?

What does it mean when God says he 'looks at the heart'? (Verse 7)

What does God look for in our hearts?

Day 2. (Leaders read 1 Samuel 17 as background)

What problem did the Israelites have? (Verse 1—7)

How was the battle to be decided? (Verses 8—10)

How did the Israelite army respond? (Verse 11)

Why did David go to the scene of the battle? (Verse 17—22)

How did David respond to Goliath's challenge? (Verse 26)

What did his brothers think of that? (Verse 28)

Why was David confident he could beat Goliath? (Verse 34—37)

How did he win the fight? (Verses 38—50)

Why do you think David managed to kill Goliath?

What lesson does it teach us? (Trust in God)

What 'giants' are there that we might face?

What do we need to do to win those battles?

Day 3. (Leaders read 1 Sam 18 & 19 as background)

What caused problems between Saul and David? (18:1—9)

How did Saul feel about David? (18:8, 9, 12, 17)

What did Saul try to do? (19:1)

Who helped David and why? (19:1—6)

Read 1 Samuel 24:1—7

Why did David not use the chance he had to kill Saul?

What did he do?

Why did he feel so bad about it?

Why did God reject Saul and choose David?

What should Saul have done when he discovered David had God's favour?

Read Matthew 25:31—33

Who are the 'sheep' and who are the 'goats'?

Which one are you?

Day 4. (Leaders read 2 Sam 11 as background)

What happened to David? (Verse 2)

What is the word which describes the feeling we get when we want to do something we know is wrong? (Temptation)

What is the word which describes the wrong things we do? (Sin)

What should David have done when he saw the woman?

What did he do? (Verse 3)

What did he then do? (Verse 4)

How did things go from bad to worse? (Verse 5)

What did David do to get away with his sin? (Verses 6—17)

When Bathsheba's husband was dead, did it make everything OK when David married her?

What do you think this did for David's relationship with God?

What does God think about sin?

Is there anyone who hasn't ever sinned?

Day 5. (Leaders read 2 Sam 12 as background)
Group—read 2 Sam 12:1—14

What story did Nathan tell to David? (Verses 1– 5)

Why did he do that?

How did David react to the story? (Verse 5,6)

What did he say should happen to the man responsible? (Verse 5,6)

What did Nathan say? (Verse 7)

How did Nathan know what had happened? (Verse 1)

How did David feel when he realised? (Verse 13)

What does it mean when Nathan said ‘the Lord has taken away your sin’?

What do we need to do to put things right with God when we have sinned?
(Repentance and trust in the Lord Jesus)